

**SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETY-FOURTH SESSION**

S.F. No. 1495

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411 Introduction and first reading
Referred to Transportation

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; modifying certain employment requirements for
1.3 third-party testing program applicants; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section
1.4 171.3213.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 171.3213, is amended to read:

1.7 **171.3213 THIRD-PARTY TESTING OF SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS; APPLICANT**
1.8 **REQUIREMENT.**

1.9 (a) A school district that is a third-party testing program and owns or operates school
1.10 buses may enter into an agreement with other school districts to test the other districts'
1.11 school bus driver employees. A school bus company that is a third-party testing program
1.12 and owns or operates school buses may enter into an agreement with other school bus
1.13 companies to test the other companies' school bus driver employees. A third-party testing
1.14 program may be reimbursed by the tested driver's school district or company. The agreement
1.15 must be submitted to the commissioner for approval. A certified third-party tester must be
1.16 employed by a school district or a school bus company providing the testing services.

1.17 (b) Notwithstanding any rule or statute to the contrary, a test applicant's test results and
1.18 test passage administered under a third-party testing program are contingent upon:

1.19 (1) remaining employed with the third-party testing program for six months following
1.20 the test administration date; or

1.21 (2) completing the approved school bus driver training program.

- 2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2025, for tests administered on
- 2.2 or after that date.